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| REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL | | Application Number | 09/460,605 |
| Address to: Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop RCE P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | | Filing Date: | 12/14/1999 |
| | | First Named Inventor | Dennis DISCHER |
| | | Art Unit | 1615 |
| | | Examiner | G. Kishore |
| | | Attorney Docket No. | 22253-66093 |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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| 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 | | | |
| a. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Previously submitted | |
| | i. | * Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on * (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.) | |
| | ii. | * Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on | |
| | iii. | * Other | |
| b. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Enclosed | |
| | i. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply | iii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> * Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) |
| | ii. | * Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) | iv. * Other: |
| 2. Miscellaneous | | | |
| a. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.) | |
| b. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Other | |
| 3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.) | | | |
| a. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0979. | |
| | i. | * RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) | |
| | ii. | * Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) | |
| | iii. | * Other | |
| b. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Check in the amount of \$ 430.00 enclosed | |
| c. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) | |

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED

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| Name | Evelyn H. McConathy | Registration No. | 35,279 |
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| Signature | Evelyn H. McConathy | Date | July 21, 2003 |
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CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with Express Mail Label No. EV222867552US addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on July 21, 2003.

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| Name | Michelle D. Sebastian | Date | July 21, 2003 |
| Signature | | Date | July 21, 2003 |

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